**Geography 106 Economic Geography**

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Course Overview: Description and explanation of geographic patterns of economic activity and human well-being are the primary foci of this course. Main topics include population and health geography, development, resources, and energy. Throughout the course, international comparisons will be used to increase awareness and illustrate concepts.

Readings:

-All readings will be available electronically, unless otherwise noted. See calendar on reverse side for dates of readings. For occasional updates and reading questions for this course, see <http://www.wou.edu/~mcgladm>

Course Requirements: Three examinations (300 pts.), two projects (30 pts. each), and various announced or unannounced quizzes (4-8 pts. each) will be the primary means of evaluation in this course. Instructions for doing the projects will be given in class. Quizzes may cover any notes given prior to the quiz, the readings listed on the syllabus on or before the day of the quiz, and any other reading materials made available prior to the day of the quiz. The readings will generally relate to classroom lectures and activities, although some will go beyond what is covered in the classroom. Some reading questions will be made available as the term progresses. Your answers to the reading questions will not need to be turned in; however, they will assist you with exam questions.

Exams: consist of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions. Your highest score will be weighted as 1.2 times a regular test, the lowest score 0.8 times a normal test. This will “soften” the effects of a poor exam, and reward you for an excellent one. All material covered in class as well as that in the readings will be the basis for the examinations. No make up examinations will be given except in the most unusual of circumstances, and should be arranged prior to the exam being missed. Every attempt will be made to stick to the exam schedule dates found on the reverse side of this page. The third exam will not be comprehensive.

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| Letter Grade | Percent |
| A | 90-100 |
| B | 80-89.9 |
| C | 70-79.9 |
| D | 60-69.9 |
| F | <60 |

Any student who feels that she or he may need an accommodation for any type of disability should talk me during office hours the first week of the course and/or should contact the Office of Disability Services (838-8250v/tty).

**Tentative Topics & Schedule\***

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| Dates | Topics | Readings\* |
| January 6, 8 | Introductory Concepts, Population Geography | <http://www.prb.org/pdf/PopHandbook_Eng.pdf>  pp. 5-19, 25-30, 41-54. This material is for reference only – just use it to clarify population concepts that you did not understand from lectures.  Population: a Lively Introduction <http://www.prb.org/pdf07/62.1LivelyIntroduction.pdf>  Reading questions on class website: [www.wou.edu/~mcgladm](http://www.wou.edu/~mcgladm) |
| January 13, 15, 20, **22** | Population, Health, Demographic Transition **Project due January 22** | <http://www.prb.org/pdf06/60.4GlobalDemographicDivide.pdf>  pp. 1-22.  Reading questions on class website: [www.wou.edu/~mcgladm](http://www.wou.edu/~mcgladm) |
| **January 27** | Exam #1 |  |
| January 29 – February 12 | Development | UN 2003 Human Development Report: (Chapter 3)  [http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2003/](http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2003/%20%20)  (or Google title, year)  or find in required folder for development unit of the class at [www.wou.edu/~mcgladm](http://www.wou.edu/~mcgladm)  Some reading questions will be posted on the class web site.  All other required materials in the development folder of the course website: <http://www.wou.edu/~mcgladm> |
| **February 17** | **Exam #2** |  |
| February 19-March 12 | Resources and Energy  Project to be announced | Scientific American, September 2006. Pp. 8; 38 (climate, energy briefs); 46-114. An announcement will be made in class about how to access this reading.  Reading questions for all Scientific American readings will be posted online in the resources and energy folder of the 106 class.  All other materials are in the resources and energy folder of the 106 course website: (other than those that may be given out in class)  <http://www.wou.edu/~mcgladm>  Ken Zweibel, James Mason, and Vasilis Pthenakis, A grand solar plan, Scientific American, pp. 64-73. Volume 298, Number 1, January 2008. Available free at:  <http://www.science.smith.edu/~jcardell/Readings/uGrid/Solar_Plan_08.pdf> |
| **Tuesday, March 17**  **10-11:50 a.m. (no exceptions)** | **Exam #3** |  |

\*other reading may be assigned in addition to what is listed in this syllabus, up to 80 pages. All material on syllabus is subject to change. **Check class website for latest version of syllabus: www.wou.edu/~mcgladm**